

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

B.A./B.Sc. SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION, MAY 2019

FIRST YEAR (BATCH 2018-21)

ENGLISH (Compulsory)

Date : 10/05/19

Time : 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Paper: II

Full Marks: 25

1. Answer **any two** questions of the following: (2 × 5)
 - a) Why does Stephen Leacock feel that old proverbs need to be rewritten?
 - b) What examples are given to show that the proverb 'Birds of a feather flock together' is not correct?
 - c) Describe the stage of life in which a person sighs like a furnace?
 - d) How is the last stage of life described in Shakespeare's 'Seven Ages of Man'?
 - e) "Gently its touch awoke him once". Whose touch awoke whom? Why does the person not wake up any more?
 - f) Why is the sun called kind and old in the poem 'Futility'?

2. Choose the correct answer for the following statements: (1 × 5)
 - a) In the poem 'Futility' by Wilfred Owen 'Cold Star' means:
 - i) Solar system ii) Sunbeams iii) The earth iv) France
 - b) 'One summer does not make a swallow'. Here 'swallow' means:
 - i) Gulp ii) Water iii) A type of bird iv) Season
 - c) 'And then the whining schoolboy, with his satchel...' Here 'satchel' means:
 - i) Tiffin box ii) School dress iii) School bag iv) Water bottle
 - d) 'A rolling stone gathers no moss'. Here 'moss' means:
 - i) Weight ii) Speed iii) A small green plant iv) Moisture
 - e) 'Sighing like furnace, with a woeful ballad'. Here 'woeful' means:
 - i) Romantic ii) Sad iii) Melodious iv) Self-composed

3. Fill in the blanks (**any five**) with the right word. (5 × 1)
 - a) Knowledge and wisdom often no connection. (has/have)
 - b) The novelist and poet dead. (is/are)
 - c) Either he or I mistaken. (is/am)
 - d) Many a cricketer done so. (have/has)

e) *Books* the name of a shop. (is/are)

f) Each of these medicines found in India. (is/are)

4. Write the following job application:

(5)

A company called Puro wants to recruit Sales Representatives to promote the sale of their newly launched water purifier. Write an application with your CV to the Personnel Manager of the company in response to the advertisement published in *The Telegraph*.

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